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# High School Tips



# Get involved!

- Join many clubs, sports, and extracurriculars
  - This is the best opportunity to learn about your interests, which may turn into future career paths
- Make friends
  - Be as friendly as possible! You will meet a lot of different people, and you never know who you could learn the most from, so make sure to expand your social groups
  - Not only will knowing people help you in your classes, but they can give you advice on assignments, tests, and future classes to take



# Try your best in classes

- Keep your focus throughout the year
  - Keep up on all homework and tests
  - Take good notes
- Participate
  - Ask questions about things you genuinely do not understand
  - Add information you find to be important to a discussion
- Maintain good grades in the beginning years of high school
  - This will impact the GPA in the long run. Your classes will become gradually harder which means that it is you should take advantage of those easy classes early on
- Go above and beyond
  - Ask for extra credit opportunities from teachers
  - Volunteer to do extra work for your extracurriculars



# Build a work ethic

- Find what works for you
  - Try different note taking strategies
  - Try different types of studying and see which yield the most results
- Time Management
  - This skill will become more and more useful as your workload increases
- Don't forget to take care of your mental health
- Always reach out for help when needed
  - Your peers, teachers, and school administration want the best for you!



# It is never too early to research about your future

- Summer opportunities
  - There are many programs offered to high school that will give you experience to all types of fields
  - There are a multitude of summer opportunities that will allow you to experience a certain field at nearby colleges and colleges you are interested in
- Colleges
  - Look into your target colleges' requirements
    - High school class credits
    - Resume
    - Recommendation Letters
    - Standardized Tests (SAT, ACT, PSAT, etc.)
    - Most importantly, learn about the different majors or programs you might be interested in there



# Resources

- Get to know your counselor
  - You will be able to get a lot of assistance and advice from your counselor, so make sure to meet them early in your high school career
- Teachers are there to support you
  - Developing strong connections with your teachers can help others develop a good impression of you at your high school
  - Remember that they have had a LOT of experience with other students so they will be able to answer your questions especially regarding how to adjust to high school life
- Administration will also play a large role in your clubs and other things
  - Familiarize yourself with those important people
- Resources from your community will have benefits for high schoolers in your position so there is no harm in researching about opportunities around you



# Have fun

- Your high school years should be super exciting and memorable
  - Make sure to try new things and have new experiences
    - Always make good choices and stick with people that keep you happy and safe
  - You never know if a pandemic will take away important milestones so enjoy as much as you can
  - Prioritize doing well in schools, diversifying your interests and spending time with valuable individuals